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December 17, 2015

VIA E-MAIL (Mark.Nordberg@water.ca.gov) AND U.S. MAIL

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Re: Lockeford Community Services District's Notice of Election to Become a
Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (Basin
No. 5-22.01)

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

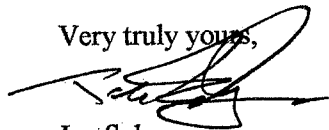
This letter notifies you that the Lockeford Community Services District (LCSD) has elected to become, within LCSD's boundaries, a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (Basin No. 5-22.01) of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin. LCSD Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 15-02 electing to become a GSA under SGMA on December 10, 2015 following a noticed public hearing. A copy of Resolution No. 15-02, which includes a map showing the GSA's boundaries, is enclosed with this letter. I also have enclosed: (1) a copy of the proof of publication of LCSD's notice of its hearing on its election to be a GSA; (2) the staff report that LCSD's Board of Directors considered in adopting Resolution No. 15-02; and (3) LCSD's Resolution No. 15-01, which concerns LCSD's membership in the SGMA Work Group of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin Authority (Authority). LCSD's Board of Directors did not adopt new bylaws, ordinances or policies with the two resolutions.

SGMA requires an explanation of how interested parties will be considered in LCSD's development and operation of the GSA and the development and implementation of a groundwater sustainability plan. The enclosed staff report contains this information. As stated in the two enclosed resolutions, LCSD intends to cooperate with other agencies within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin to ensure that the subbasin's groundwater is appropriately managed under SGMA. The staff report provides a more detailed description of LCSD's plans, which include participating in the Authority's SGMA Work Group. Per SGMA, LCSD also provides notice that it is aware that Stockton East Water District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District have designated themselves as GSAs for other parts of the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information or have any questions regarding the contents of this notice.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Salzman', written over the closing 'yours'.

Joe Salzman
General Manager

8569/L121615rsb DWR Notice of Election

Encls: Resolution No. 15-01

Resolution No. 15-02 (includes Exhibit A, Map of GSA Boundaries)

Proof of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing

LCSD Staff Report supporting Resolution No. 15-02

**Lockeford Community Services District
Staff Report for Consideration of Election to Become a Groundwater Sustainability
Agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**

December 10, 2015

BACKGROUND

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) took effect on January 1, 2015 and gives certain local agencies additional powers and authority to sustainably manage groundwater. SGMA defines sustainable groundwater management and establishes a framework for local agencies to develop plans and strategies to manage groundwater, with the goal of enabling local agencies to manage groundwater themselves and limit state agencies' involvement.

SGMA requires the formation of groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) to be primarily responsible for managing groundwater within specific basins. Any local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a basin may elect to be a GSA or form a GSA for that basin. SGMA sets requirements for how a local agency can elect to become a GSA. By June 30, 2017, one GSA or multiple cooperate GSAs must cover all parts of a basin or the state can intervene.

The District overlies part of the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin (Subbasin). Because the District supplies water to the public within the Subbasin, it is eligible to become a GSA within the District's boundaries under SGMA. As a GSA, the District would have additional tools and powers to manage the groundwater within its boundaries.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING FOR THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN SUBBASIN

Groundwater planning for the Subbasin has been initiated by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Work Group (SGMA Work Group) for the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Basin Authority (Authority). The SGMA Work Group was formed to advise the Authority on governance issues related to establishment and integration of GSAs and development of a Subbasin-wide groundwater sustainability plan.

On October 22, 2015, Stockton East Water District elected to become the GSA for the portion of the Subbasin that lies within that agency's boundaries. There is no overlap between that agency's boundaries and the District's boundaries. No other agencies in the Subbasin have elected so far to become a GSA.

The District expects other local agencies within the Subbasin, including one or more of the SGMA Work Group member agencies listed below, will declare themselves GSAs for portions of the Subbasin. As a GSA, the District would coordinate and cooperate with these other agencies and the SGMA Work Group in developing management of the whole Subbasin.

Members of the SGMA Work Group include:

- Calaveras County
- Calaveras County Water District
- California Water Services Company
- Central Delta Water Agency
- Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District
- City of Escalon
- City of Lathrop
- City of Lodi
- City of Manteca
- City of Ripon
- City of Stockton
- North San Joaquin Water Conservation District
- Oakdale Irrigation District
- Sacramento County Water Agency
- San Joaquin County
- South Delta Water Agency
- South San Joaquin Irrigation District
- Southeast Sacramento Agricultural Water Authority
- Stanislaus County
- Stockton East Water District
- Woodbridge Irrigation District

Because the District is eligible to become a GSA, the District requested on November 17, 2015 to become a member agency in the SGMA Work Group. The District also published notice of the Board of Directors' public hearing on December 10, 2015 to consider whether to become a GSA.

CONSIDERATION OF STAKEHOLDER INTERESTS

As part of the process for becoming a GSA, SGMA requires the District to consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater and those responsible for implementing groundwater management plans under SGMA, known as "groundwater sustainability plans," or "GSPs." In addition, as part of the information that each GSA must submit to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the District must include a list of the interested stakeholders and explain how their interests will be considered in the District's operation as a GSA and in developing and implementing a GSP. The District's initial list of interested stakeholders in the Subbasin is the list of SGMA Work Group member agencies listed above.

As discussed in the previous section, the Authority has initiated groundwater planning through the SGMA Work Group. These efforts may lead to the preparation of a Subbasin-wide GSP. As a GSA, the District would identify, engage and consider all stakeholder interests in the

Subbasin through public processes and its participation in the SGMA Work Group. These stakeholder interests include:

Agricultural users – Several landowners within the District's boundaries pump groundwater for agricultural uses on their land. Through its elected Board of Directors and public meetings, the District plans to engage in outreach and coordination to these landowners. Agricultural users within the Subbasin, but outside the District's boundaries, will be considered and engaged through the SGMA Work Group and other public processes during the preparation of a Subbasin-wide GSP.

Domestic well owners – Some landowners within the District's boundaries also rely on groundwater to meet their domestic needs. Through its elected Board of Directors and public meetings, the District plans to engage in outreach and coordination to these users within the boundaries. Domestic well owners within the Subbasin, but outside the District's boundaries, will be considered and engaged through the SGMA Work Group and other public processes during the preparation of a Subbasin-wide GSP.

Municipal well operators – There are no other municipal well operators within the District's boundaries. Municipal well operators within the Subbasin, but outside the District's boundaries, are well represented in the SGMA Work Group. The District anticipates these interests will be considered and engaged through the SGMA Work Group and other public processes during the preparation of a Subbasin-wide GSP.

Public water systems – There are no other public water systems within the District's boundaries. Public water systems within the Subbasin, but outside the District's boundaries, are well represented in the SGMA Work Group. The District anticipates these interests will be considered and engaged through the SGMA Work Group and other public processes during the preparation of a Subbasin-wide GSP.

Local land use planning agencies – San Joaquin County is the local land use planning agency for the lands within the District's boundaries. The County, and the other local land use planning agencies for the Subbasin, are well represented in the SGMA Work Group. The District anticipates these interests will be considered and engaged through the SGMA Work Group and other public processes during the preparation of a Subbasin-wide GSP.

Environmental users of groundwater – The District is not aware of any environmental users of groundwater within the District's boundaries. To the extent there are such interests within the Subbasin, but outside the District's boundaries, the District anticipates these interests will be considered and engaged through the SGMA Work Group and other public processes

Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies – The District is not aware of such users of surface water within the District's boundaries. Such users of surface water within the Subbasin, but outside the District's boundaries, include the City of Stockton and California Water Service Company. These agencies are well represented in the SGMA Work Group. The District anticipates these interests will be

considered and engaged through the SGMA Work Group and other public processes during the preparation of a Subbasin-wide GSP.

The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands – The District is not aware of any federal lands or water facilities operated by the federal government within the District's boundaries. The District anticipates that the federal government's interests will be considered and engaged through public processes during the preparation of a Subbasin-wide GSP.

California Native American Tribes – The District is not aware of any tribal interests within the District's boundaries. To the extent such interests are within the Subbasin, but outside the District's boundaries, the District anticipates these interests will be considered and engaged through the SGMA Work Group and other public processes during the preparation of a Subbasin-wide GSP.

Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems – To the extent the community of Lockeford is identified as a disadvantaged community, it will continue to be served by the District and represented through the District's elected Board of Directors.

Entities listed in Water Code Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the groundwater sustainability agency – The San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and other agencies, are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in the Subbasin. These interests are well represented in the SGMA Work Group. The District anticipates these interests will be considered and engaged through the SGMA Work Group and other public processes during the preparation of a Subbasin-wide GSP.

RECOMMENDATION

District staff recommends that the Board of Directors conduct a public hearing to consider becoming a GSA for the portions of the Subbasin within the District's boundaries, and, following the public hearing, approve a resolution electing to become a GSA, and directing the General Manager to perform all actions that are necessary to complete the District's election to become a GSA.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOCKEFORD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT REGARDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE SGMA WORK GROUP FOR THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY GROUNDWATER BASIN AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Water Code Sections 10720-10236.6 ("SGMA")) in 2014 and SGMA took effect on January 1, 2015;

WHEREAS, Lockeford Community Services District ("District") is authorized under the Community Services District Law (Government Code section 61000 et seq.) to, among other things, supply water for any beneficial uses, in the same manner as a municipal water district;

WHEREAS, the District overlies portions of the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin ("Subbasin");

WHEREAS, the District is eligible to be a groundwater sustainability agency under SGMA because it supplies water to the public within the Subbasin (Water Code Sections 10721, subdivision (m), and 10723, subdivision (a));

WHEREAS, the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Work Group ("Work Group") has been formed to advise the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin Authority on governance issues related to establishment and integration of groundwater sustainability agencies and development of a Subbasin-wide groundwater sustainability plan; and

WHEREAS, membership in the Work Group is open to local agencies that overlie the Subbasin and are eligible to become groundwater sustainability agencies under SGMA; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2015, the District's General Manager filed a request for the District to become a member agency in the Work Group in order to ensure that the District can participate in the development of the agency or agencies that eventually will manage the Subbasin under SGMA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District as follows:

1. The Board of Directors affirms the General Manager's request to become a member agency in the Working Group and pledges to work, through the General Manager, with the other Work Group member agencies to promote sustainable groundwater management in the Subbasin.

2. The Board of Directors affirms Joseph Salzman as the District's member, Mike Henry as the District's first alternate, and Eric Schmid as the District's second alternate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Lockeford Community Services District on the 10th day of December, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: True, Granlees, Rowe, Stetson, Gordon

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

By: 

Mark True, LCSD Board President

Attest: 

Joseph Salzman, Secretary to the LCSD Board of Directors

RESOLUTION NO. 15-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE LOCKEFORD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
ELECTING TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Water Code §§ 10720-10236.6 ("SGMA")) in 2014 and SGMA took effect on January 1, 2015;

WHEREAS, retaining local jurisdiction over water management and land use is essential to sustainably manage groundwater as a critical resource, and to the vitality of the Lockeford community; and

WHEREAS, Lockeford Community Services District ("District") is authorized under the Community Services District Law (Government Code section 61000 et seq.) to, among other things, supply water for beneficial uses;

WHEREAS, the District overlies portions of the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin (designated as basin number 5-22.01 by the California Department of Water Resources) ("Subbasin");

WHEREAS, the District is eligible to be a groundwater sustainability agency under SGMA because it supplies water to the public within the Subbasin (Water Code Sections 10721, subdivision (m), and 10723, subdivision (a));

WHEREAS, groundwater planning for the Subbasin has been initiated by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Work Group ("SGMA Work Group") for the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Basin Authority;

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2015, Stockton East Water District elected to be the groundwater sustainability agency for portions of the Subbasin within that agency's boundaries, but that agency's boundaries do not overlap with those of the District;

WHEREAS, similar to Stockton East Water District, the District can advance groundwater management within its boundaries and cooperation with other agencies in the Subbasin by designating itself as a groundwater sustainability agency and coordinating with the SGMA Work Group;

WHEREAS, the District will ensure that diverse water interests are represented in its decision-making processes and development of groundwater management policies; -

WHEREAS, the District intends to continue its coordination, cooperation and outreach efforts to ensure that various stakeholder interests are taken into account in its management of the portion of the Subbasin that the District overlies;

WHEREAS, the District has published the notice and conducted the public hearing required by Water Code section 10723.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District as follows:

1. Pursuant to SGMA, the District elects to be the groundwater sustainability agency for the portions of the Subbasin that the District overlies as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

2. The General Manager or his designee is directed to, within 30 days of the date of this Resolution, provide notification of this election to the Department of Water Resources, including a copy of this Resolution and additional information required by Water Code section 10723.8, in the manner required by law.

3. The District shall establish and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices regarding the preparation of any groundwater sustainability plan, meeting announcements and availability of draft groundwater sustainability plans, maps, and other relevant documents pursuant to Water Code section 10723.4. Any person may request, in writing, to be placed on this list of interested persons.

4. The District shall operate as a groundwater sustainability agency under the District's existing rules and be governed by the District's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of the District reserves the right to consider and adopt operating bylaws, ordinances, and resolutions to facilitate its operation as a groundwater sustainability agency.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Lockeford Community Services District on the 10th day of December, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: True, Granlees, Rowe, Stetson, Gordon

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

By: 

Mark True, Board President

Attest:



Joe Salzman, Secretary to the Board of Directors

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County of San Joaquin

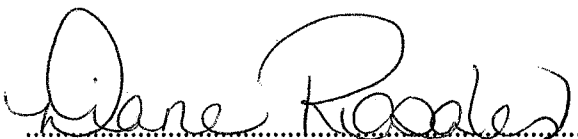
I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid: I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the Lodi News-Sentinel, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily except Sundays, Mondays and holidays, in the City of Lodi, California, County of San Joaquin and which newspaper had been adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court, Department 3, of the County of San Joaquin, State of California, under the date of May 26th, 1953. Case Number 65990; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than non-pareil) has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereto on the following dates to-wit:

November 25th, December 2nd, 3rd,

all in the years 2015

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Lodi, California, United States of America this 3rd day of December 2015.



Signature

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Proof of Publication

Lockeford Community Services District - Notice of Public Hearing on Intent to Consider Becoming A Groundwater Sustainability Agency Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management

LOCKEFORD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON INTENT TO CONSIDER BECOMING A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Directors of the Lockeford Community Services District ("District") will hold a public hearing commencing at 9:00 a.m. on December 10, 2015, in the Old Lockeford School, 19456 North Jack Tone Road, Lockeford, California 95237 to consider the adoption of a resolution electing to become a groundwater sustainability agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Water Code §§ 10720-10736.6) (the "Act"). The Act authorizes a local agency overlying a groundwater basin to serve as the groundwater sustainability agency for that basin. The District overlies portions of the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin (designated as basin number 5-22.01 by the California Department of Water Resources, as more particularly described in California's Groundwater Bulletin 118) located in San Joaquin County. The District intends to consider becoming the groundwater sustainability agency for the portions of the above-referenced subbasin that the District overlies.

At the public hearing, the Board of Directors will consider all written and oral comments and objections regarding an election by the District to become a groundwater sustainability agency. Additional information on the proposed election, including the proposed resolution of election, is available for public inspection at the District office, 17725 N. Tully Rd, Lockeford, CA 95237 during regular business hours.

This notice is provided pursuant to Government Code section 6066 and Water Code section 10723.

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
Joe Salzman
General Manager
Lockeford Community Services District
November 25, December 2, 3, 2015 - 155604

EXHIBIT A

**MAP OF LOCKEFORD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
GSA BOUNDARIES**

Lockeford CSD

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